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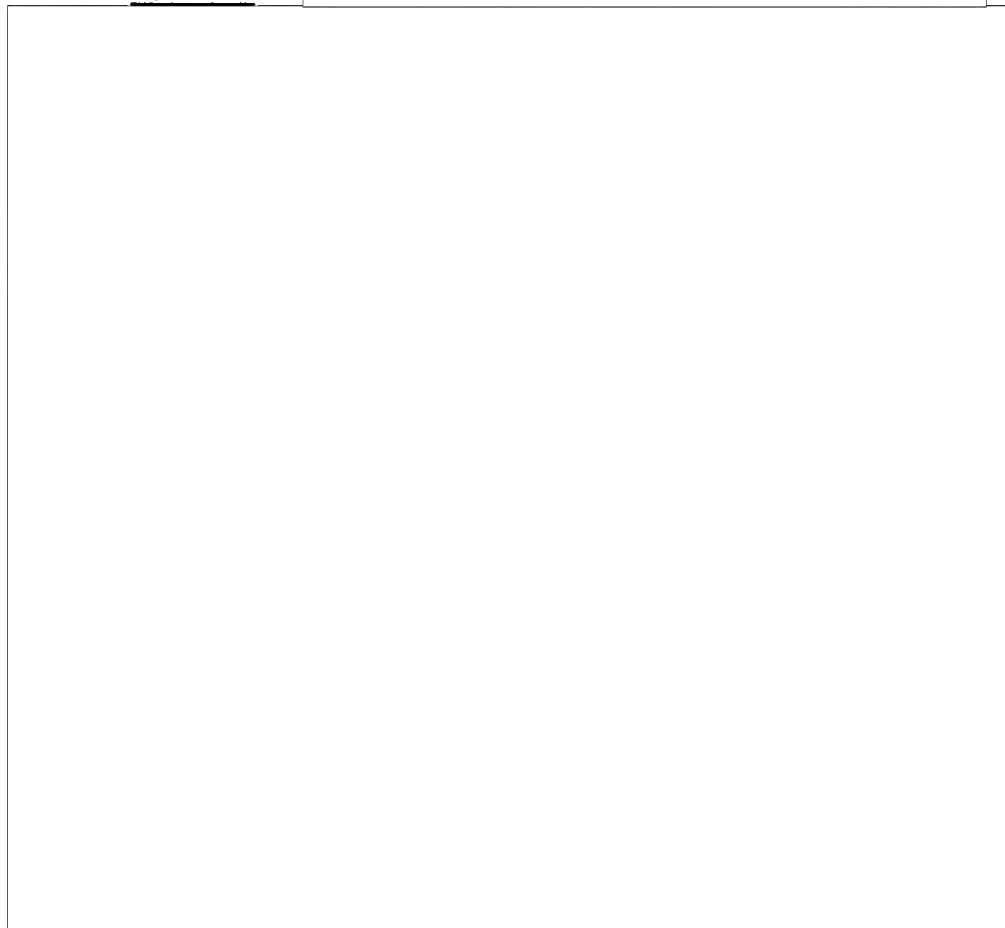


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1. Cyprus: [REDACTED]

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2. Panama: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the outcome of the Panamanian election is still up in the air.

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[redacted] the unofficial
election results which have been let out so
far bear little relationship to the figures
turned in by precinct election boards. These
show [redacted] a higher vote for Arias, a
lower one for Robles.

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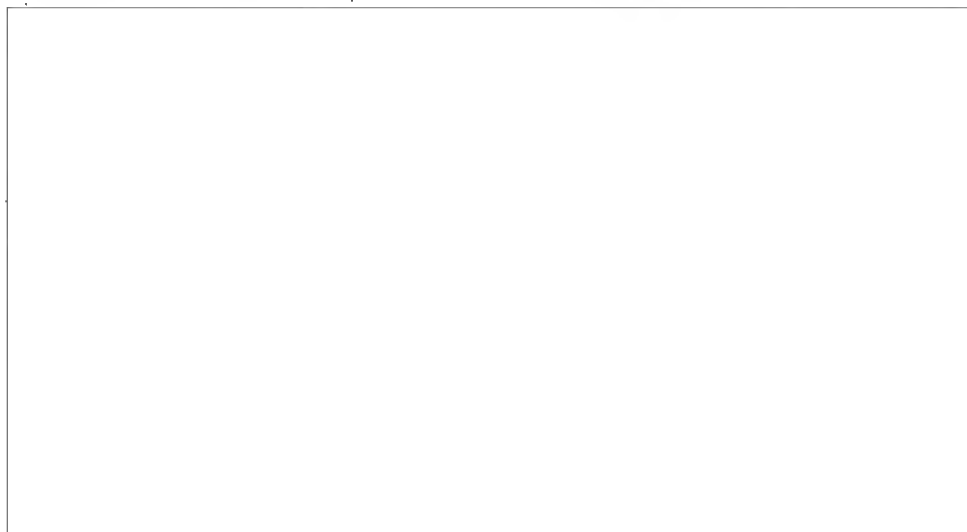
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The official count begins Saturday morning.
The Robles forces will be hard put to make the
earlier returns stick.

Arias has already cried fraud and could
cause trouble if he can get public acceptance
of this charge. He may be helped in this by
Panama's tempestuous students.

3. Cuba: Photography shows that additional
~~surface-to-air~~ missiles have recently been
distributed to each of four SAM sites in Cuba.

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4. South Vietnam: Some of Khanh's civilian ministers, who seem willing to grumble about the general into any available ear, are now wondering how long he can last.



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Pacification chief Hoan, [redacted] is now complaining because Khanh cut off his weekly radio talks. Our guess is that the general took this step because he felt Hoan was using the talks to build up a personal political following.

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Personal rivalries among high military officers add to Khanh's plate of troubles.

On the military front the Viet Cong ambushed a government ranger battalion Friday morning, inflicting considerable casualties. We have still no official word on press stories that the Communists have trapped three government battalions in the northern mountains.

5. Laos: The situation is as muddled as ever with talk of coups and countercoups on all sides.

The rightists who engineered last month's coup are unhappy with the cautious course which Souvanna has been pursuing and are hinting that they may have to take steps to force him out.

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For their part, the neutralists are despondent over being all but excluded from the new Lao general staff and have branded the so-called merger of rightist and neutralist forces an "enormous piece of hypocrisy."

Kong Le, nominal neutralist commander, is said to be planning some sort of a coup from the Plaine des Jarres. His ability to bring this off is questionable; in fact, there have been rumors of a mutiny against Kong Le.

Souvanna is threading his way through this maze, largely by doing as little as possible. He has still not moved to replace the one dead and two missing neutralist ministers, probably because he is fearful of what the Pathet Lao may then do.

The Communists of course find all this confusion very much to their liking. They have kept military as well as political pressure on Souvanna. Yesterday they occupied Tha Thom with help from dissident neutralists and North Vietnamese.

6. Indonesia-Malaysia: At present reading the odds are strongly against a summit meeting involving Macapagal, Sukarno and the Tunku.

The current effort to get such a meeting going is likely to hang up on the old problem-- withdrawal of Sukarno's guerrillas from Malaysian soil.

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Sukarno's best offer, to begin withdrawing these when the talks start, is unlikely to move the Tunku. [REDACTED]

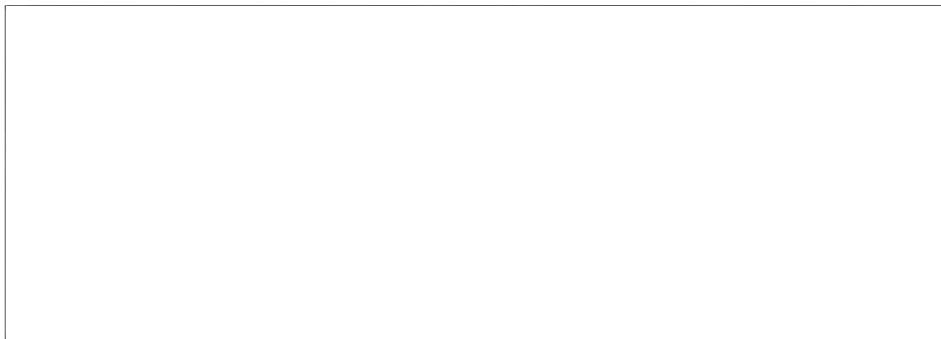
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To give point to this, the Tunku is planning to take off for the Commonwealth conference at about the time Sukarno has suggested for the talks.

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7. USSR: Between December 1962 and March 1964, a series of 25 target missiles was fired from the Makat launch facility of the Sary Shagan anti-missile test complex.



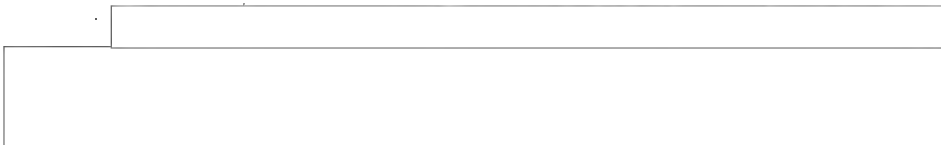
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We take this to mean that the Soviet anti-missile development program entered a new phase in December 1962

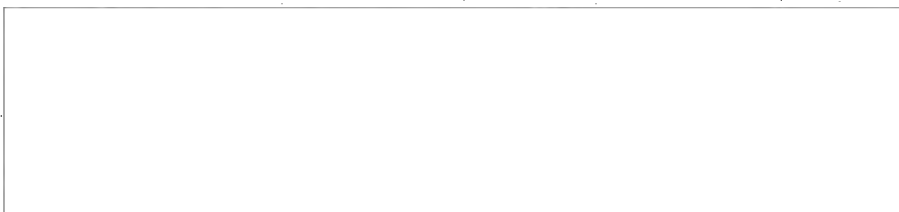


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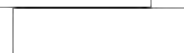
8. UAR-Yemen-Aden: Nasir is cooking up more trouble for the British in South Arabia.



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9. East Germany: The communiqué which Ulbricht signed in Budapest Wednesday marked a shift in course for this last of the real Stalinists.

In this document he let down his guard against relations between East European nations and West Germany. He also brought his stand on CEMA and the Sino-Soviet dispute closer into line with those of Poland and Hungary, but not of the USSR.

These shifts, which could cause Ulbricht massive trouble with his hard-line followers, were probably taken because he found himself in virtual isolation from the rest of Eastern Europe.

10. USSR:

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11. Communist China:

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12. Communist China - Trade: This year's Sino-Soviet trade agreement has been signed in Peiping. Details are lacking, but we expect trade to drop below last year's level of about \$600 million.

Chinese exports will probably again exceed imports in the order of \$200 million. This will reduce the Chinese debt to the Soviets enough so that it can be paid off next year.

Earlier in the week the Chinese contracted for over a million tons of wheat from Canada, bringing total Chinese buying so far this year to about five million tons.

13. Cuba - Communist China:

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14. Jordan Waters: So far the Arab reaction to Israel's tests of the Jordan Waters system has been mild. Even in Syria, the story has received routine handling. We expect the Arabs to begin taking a stronger line as the tests continue and, if there are no hitches, the project goes into operation in the summer.

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